जाने की प्रत्याशा है। जैसे ही अतिरिक्त विद्युत उत्पादन क्षमता विकसित कर ली जाती है अन्य बड़े लिंकों पर कार्य आरंभ हो जाएगा।

Servey of people living below poverty line

758. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION
be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been conducted recently to assess the percentage of people living below the poverty line in each State;

(b) if so, the State-wise figures of percentage of such population;

(c) whether it is a fact that the percentage of people living below the poverty line in Eastern part of country is more, with North East being the worst; and

(d) if so, details of criteria being adopted for such assessment?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI YOGINDER K. ALAGH): (a) to (d) Planning Commission estimates incidence of poverty at national and state level using the quinquennial survey data (large surveys) on hosehold consumption expenditure released by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). The last such survey was conducted in 1993-94 (50th round of NSS).the results of the survey are under process.

Development of marketing infrastructure for processed food

756. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering modernisation of traditional wholesale and retail marketing of processed food to carry larger loads, in the wake of globalisation;

(b) if so, the details of action taken in this regard in the post liberlisation era and results achieved thereunder, Statewise;

(c) the details of schemes/projects proposed to develop marketing infrastructural facilities and funds provided during the current year; and

(d) the details of international aid available for such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI DILIP KUMAR RAY): (a) to (c) The Ministry of Food Processing Industries does not set up any units directly in any State. However, under the Plan Schemes being operated by the Ministry, financial assistance is provided to State Government Organisations, Joint Sector/Assisted Sector Unite/ Cooperatives/non-Governmental Organisations etc. in respect of proposals for setting up/upgradation/modernisation of existing units including development of marketing infrastructural facilities for modernisation of marketing of processed foods. No State specific allocation of fund is made under these Plan Schemes.

(d) The European Economic Community Assisted Project for Horticultural Development including processing of fruits and vegetables is under implementation in Kerala.

Refusal of CIL to supply washed coal to Hinduja's Power Project

760. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Hinduja's Rs. 4,100 crore thermal power project proposed at Visakhapatnam has run into serious difficulties as coal India Ltd. has refused to supply washed coal;

(b) if so, whether Government have urged the CIL to provide necessary coal required for the Vizag Plant;

c) if so, to what extent they have agreed; and (d) if not, the main reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI); (a) to (d) The different issues regarding supply of washed coal for the Visakhapatnam power project of M/s Hinduja National Power Corporation Ltd. are being deliberated upon between Ministry of Power, Ministry of Coal, CIL and the project developers.

Home Delivery of LPG Cylinders in Manipur

761. SHRI W. ANGOU SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the names of LPG agents working in Manipur, district-wise;

(b) whether Government are aware that the LPG agents in the State have not taken up even now, the system of home delivery of cylinders to the consumers like that in other States; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) As on 1.10.1996, 17 LPG distributorships were in operation in the State of Manipur.

(b) and (c) In view of the difficult law and order situation prevailing in the State, the home delivery of refills was discontinued since 1991 and this was done in consultation with the State Government. In March, 1995, Government of Manipur asked IOC to explore the possibility of introducing home delivery of refills in selected areas of Imphal Town. After discussions by the Civil Administration with. OS Company officials and the distributors, the home delivery was resumed effective 2.10.1995 and 10 to 15% home delivery could be achieved. In November, 1995, due to worsening of law and order situation and imposition of curfew in the State and in view of the safety of the delivery boys and equipments, the distributors were reluctant to make home delivery of LPG cylinders. Civil Authorities have also been kept suitably informed.

National Social Assistance Programme in Gujarat

762. SHRI GOPALSINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS & EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount released in various districts of Gujarat under the National Social Assistance Programme, after 15th August, 1995;

(b) whether the officers in Panchamah-al and Vadodara districts have withdrawn the amount;

(c) whether the Central Government and the State Government have received

complaints regarding withdrawal of amount through fake names; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF, STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VARMA): (a) The amounts released to various districts of Gujarat under the three components'of the National Social Assistance Program me after 15th August, 1995 are the following:—

(i) National Oid Age : Rs, 441.99 lakhPension Scheme (ii) National Family Be- : Rs. 222.93 " nefit Scheme (iii) National Maternity : Rs. 118.25 " Benefit Scheme

(b) In respect of National Old Age Pension Scheme, money has been drawn in these two district, since the State Government have furnished the expenditure figures. In respec of the other two schemes, namely, the National Family Benefit Scheme and *the* National Maternity Benefit Scheme, such information has not been received so far.

(c) No such complaint has been received by the Central Government so far. This Ministry has no information about